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25X1 1. A finance department (Abteilung Finanzen) will be organized shortly in the East
 German Chamber for Foreign Trade (Kammer fuer Aussenhandel) (KfA). Its functions
 as yet are not known. It will be directly responsible to the Praesidium.

2. The KfA is scheduled to take over the files (Kartei) of Dr. (fnu) Froetsch of
 the Leipziger Messeamt (Leipzig Fair Office). All information of value to the
 KfA will be extracted from the files, but the Messeamt will still continue to
 function. Its primary function will be to capitalize on the good reputation
 which the Leipzig fairs have had in the past and to keep alive old connections
 which might not function as well through another body.

25X1 3. The KfA is also setting up a card file of all the DIA representatives in
 foreign countries who could be of use to the KfA. This card file is classified
 "Strictly Confidential" (Streng vertraulich).

25X1 4. As of late January, no contracts had been signed as a result of KfA preparations.
 The first fruits of KfA endeavors are the presence of the Iranian delegation

25X1 Lists of products have
 already been exchanged

East Germany. East Germany is especially interested in entering into negotiations
 with Near Eastern countries. East German foreign trade circles believe that these
 countries are so underdeveloped that they will buy anything, even second-rate
 products which more industrialized countries would not consider purchasing.

5. In the spring of 1953, East Germany plans to participate in the Milan, Paris, and
 Utrecht industrial fairs. It is also planned to participate in the Cairo fair, the
 date of which has as yet not been determined.

6. A special identification card (Dienstausweis) is required of all KfA employees.
 There is no body search or check of briefcases as yet. It is believed that this
 is because the organization is so new and proper security measures have not
 yet been devised.

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